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The following information was extracted from reports of freight movement at six stations on the border of the Polish-Administered Zone during the period from 21 to 30 April 1947.

East bound reilroad traffic through Frankfurt/Oder comprised 4,905 loaded freight cars, as opposed to 373 westbound. Of the eastbound cars, 636 carried army personnel or equipment. The breakdown for the latter is as follows:

> 63 Army personnel from Magdeburg 24 Woinar ** 69 24 Altetrelitz 8 88 officers Rathenow 108 equipment Torgau 20 Weimar 111 Gusen 58 Ludwigslust 10% and horses from Grabow 116 Güsen

In addition, 1,050 cars carried dismantled machinery, mainly from the coal pits of Werminghoff and Regis Breitingen. The largest single item shipped east was potash, totalling 929 cars which passed through Frankfurt during the period.

- 2. At the border station of Wehrkirch, all eastbound cars (164) carried potash; all west bound cars (591) transported coal.
- 3. At the border station of Scheume there were 2,603 cars of freight moved east during the period, as opposed to 421 in the opposite direction. 156 eastbound cars carried army personnel or equipment as follows:

34 cars - troops and vehicles from Magdeburg to Pillau

27 - tanks, trucks, and equipment from Magdeburg to Insterburg

45 - railway and engineering equipment from Rehbrücke and

Erfurt to Insterburg

- troops and vehicles from Magdeburg to Königsberg

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- 4. At the border station of Guben, 1,362 loaded cars passed through eastward bound, as opposed to 109 westward bound. The traffic to the east consisted entirely of dismantled equipment.
- 5. At the border station of Forst, seventy loaded cars went east and 531 west. Sixty-eight of the seventy eastbound cars carried gasoline.
- 6. The railway line into Poland via Küstrin was closed to traffic during the period, because of floods.

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